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Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: May 19, 1966

SUBJECT: U.S. Sale of Military Aircraft to Israel; Report of Additional USSR aircraft deliveries to UAR and Algeria

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Werner Klingeberg, First Secretary, German Embassy

NE - Harrison M. Symmes
NE - William D. Wolle

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[redacted] calling at the Department's request, received from Mr. Symmes an advance briefing concerning the imminent announcement of the U.S. sale of military aircraft to Israel. He asked about the type and quantity of aircraft to be supplied and was told that less than fifty aircraft were involved and that the type was the A4F Skyhawk, a subsonic tactical aircraft of a type used by the U.S. Navy. [redacted] expressed appreciation for the information.

[redacted] remarked that his embassy had heard something indicating that Israel was in process of buying Mirage fighter aircraft from the French. He also commented that he thought Israel would play up its purchase of U.S. aircraft as its answer to the Kosygin visit to the U.A.R.

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